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<b>RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)</b>		Docket Number: <b>52433/792</b>	
Application Number: <b>PCT/JP2003/012916 10/530,948</b>	Filing Date: <b>October 8, 2003 April 8, 2005</b>	Examiner: <b>To be assigned</b>	Art Unit: <b>To be assigned</b>
Title: <b>CIRCULARLY WELDED JOINT FEATURING EXCELLENT FATIGUE STRENGTH, METHOD OF PRODUCING CIRCULARLY WELDED JOINT AND WELDED STRUCTURE</b>		Applicant(s): <b>Nakashima et al.</b>	

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Sir:

To complete the filing requirements for the above-referenced application under 35 U.S.C. § 371, enclosed please find a Declaration and Power of Attorney. A copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements mailed February 7, 2006 is also enclosed.

1. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the surcharge fee of **\$130.00** to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon LLP**, deposit account number **11-0600**.
2. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon LLP**, deposit account no. **11-0600**.
3. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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### NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 04/08/2005
- English Translation of the IA filed on 04/08/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 04/08/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 04/08/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 08/22/2005
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 04/08/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 04/08/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 04/08/2005
- Specification filed on 04/08/2005
- Claims filed on 04/08/2005
- Abstracts filed on 04/08/2005
- Drawings filed on 04/08/2005

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

**SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$-230** for a Large Entity:

- **\$130** Surcharge.

(A previous payment of **\$360** will be applied to the additional fees indicated above.)

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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